



## Commanding Officer's Safety Policy Statement



We are a warfighting organization that kills hostile aircraft. We make life as unsafe as possible for the bad guys, while exhausting every effort to defend our Marines from harm. The irony isn't lost on me.

Our safety policy is simple: Eliminate unnecessary risk, and minimize all other risk to an acceptable level. The time to think about being safe is before the mishap...not during the investigation.

In order to implement this policy, we must do the following:

- a) Apply Operational Risk Management (ORM) in the planning and execution of everything we do. ORM will assist you in managing risk and reducing injuries and mishap.
- b) Be disciplined in your actions. Don't be complacent, reckless, or lose sight of common sense. Have the discipline to stop when things start to get unsafe.
- c) Leaders must supervise. Always know what your Marines are doing, and don't be afraid to exercise good leadership to reduce risk and prevent a mishap.
- d) Leaders must teach. Continuously train your Marines on how to manage risk. Help them develop sound operational judgment and common sense.
- e) Think before you act. If the hair on the back of your neck is standing up, you need to pause and reassess the risk.

The enemy is trying very hard to kill or hurt us. Don't make their mission easier through carelessness. Our Marines, our families, and our equipment are too valuable to lose to accidents and mishaps. If you need assistance, or have a suggestion on how to make this Battalion safer, seek out the Battalion Safety Officer, 1stLt Adiputra at (252) 466-7474.

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